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recognition of Canon Law like Hindu and Muhammadan law under the Madras Civil Courts Bill, or at least the opinion of this Government and the Government of India on the proposed amendment with the reasons therefor?

A.—No.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Will not the Government be pleased to publish the correspondence between them and the Government of India ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ We are not entitled to publish the correspondence between us and the Government of India unless the latter allow us to do so.”

Advisory Committees.

Joint Advisory Committees.

* 47 Q.—Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons why no joint advisory committees of the Council have yet been constituted for the administration of all departments under the charge of the hon. the Revenue and the Law Members; and

(b) whether it is the intention of Government to arrange for the formation of such advisory committees with suitable provisions for the representation of minority communities from the Legislative Council, viz., Indian Christians, Muhammadans, depressed classes, Europeans, Anglo-Indians?

A.—(a) The Law Member and the Revenue Member have not till now felt the necessity for the committees.

(b) It is not the intention of the Government to constitute such committees for the departments in charge of the Law Member and the Revenue Member.

Criminal Justice.

Disturbances at Maruthakudi.

* 48 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the troubles that arose at Maruthakudi on the 13th to 15th of November over the question of the route by which a corpse was to be carried to the cremation ground;

(b) whether he has caused any inquiries to be instituted into this matter; and

(c) whether he will be pleased to place the results of the inquiry on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have perused the report of the District Magistrate, Tanjore.

(c) The Government have issued an order that the prohibitory order issued under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, should remain in force till 15th May 1925; within this period the residents of Maruthakudi village will have time to take the matter to the Civil Court, if so advised.